

AGENDA

55th Meeting of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee
March 3-4, 2015, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

10:00	Call to order by the Chair and Roll Call by DFO	Cissy Farm, Chair Melanie O'Brien, Designated Federal Official
	Invocation	TBD
	Welcome by University of Massachusetts Amherst	Katherine S. Newman, Provost, and Elizabeth Chilton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement
10:15	REPORT: National NAGPRA Program update (3 Files: Program Reports and Presentations)	Melanie O'Brien and David Tarler, National NAGPRA Program
11:00	PRESENTATION: Wampanoag Confederation	Ramona Peters, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
11:15	PRESENTATION: University of Massachusetts Amherst Repatriation Committee	Robert Paynter, Professor, Department of Anthropology and Chair, Repatriation Committee
11:30	Lunch Break	
1:00	ACTION ITEM: CUI Disposition Request, Texas State University (5 Files: CUI Disposition Requests)	Todd M. Ahlman, Director, Center for Archaeological Studies, Texas State University; Mario Garza, Miakan-Garza Band Cultural Preservation Officer and Board of Elders Chair, Indigenous Cultures Institute; and Luis Aguilar, Sacred Sites Programs Director, Indigenous Cultures Institute
1:30	ACTION ITEM: Initial discussion of the Review Committee 2015 Report to Congress	RC Subcommittee: Shannon Keller O'Loughlin and Dennis O'Rourke
1:45	ACTION ITEM: Discussion and review of the Review Committee's Dispute Procedures (1 File: Action Items)	RC Subcommittee: Sonya Atalay, Alec Barker, and Shannon Keller O'Loughlin
2:00	PRESENTATION: Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior	Emily Palus, Deputy Division Chief, Cultural, Paleontological Resources and Tribal Consultation, BLM, and Annie Pardo, Acting Chief, Division of Environmental and Cultural Resources Management and NAGPRA Coordinator, BIA
2:30	PRESENTATION: Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University	Patricia Capone, Museum Curator, and Sandra Dong, NAGPRA Coordinator
2:45	PUBLIC COMMENT: The Review Committee is interested in receiving comments concerning progress made, and any barriers encountered, in implementing NAGPRA. Public comments will inform the Review Committee's Annual Report to Congress. The Review Committee is particularly interested in comments on the issue of funding, infrastructure, and capacity from Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, and Federal agencies as an impediment to more complete and timely NAGPRA implementation and compliance.	
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Wednesday, March 4, 2015

9:00	Call to order by the Chair and invocation	Cissy Farm
9:10	DISCUSSION: Upcoming meeting dates and locations	Melanie O'Brien
9:30	REPORT: A Report to the National NAGPRA Program and the NAGPRA Review Committee regarding lands for reburial	Christine Landrum, Director, NPS, IMR Indian Affairs and American Culture and Sheila Goff, NAGPRA Liaison/Curator of Archaeology, History Colorado
10:00	REPORT: Non-destructive Ancient DNA Extraction and Sequencing	Dennis O'Rourke, NAGPRA Review Committee member, and Professor of Anthropology, University of Utah
10:15	PRESENTATION: Columbia Plateau Inter-Tribal Repatriation Group (1 File: Presentations)	Angela Neller, Curator, Wanapum Heritage Center
10:30	PUBLIC COMMENT: The Review Committee is especially interested in receiving comments concerning progress made, and any barriers encountered, in implementing NAGPRA and barriers encountered in addressing culturally affiliated Native American human remains in inventories but not yet published in Notices of Inventory Completion.	
11:30	Lunch Break	
1:00	ACTION ITEM: Discussion and finalization of the Review Committee's Dispute Procedures (1 File: Action Items)	RC Subcommittee: Sonya Atalay, Alec Barker, and Shannon O'Loughlin Discussion and finalization: Review Committee
1:30	ACTION ITEM: Subcommittee Discussions	Discussion: Review Committee
2:15	PUBLIC COMMENT: The Review Committee is especially interested in receiving comments concerning progress made, and any barriers encountered, in implementing NAGPRA.	
3:15	ACTION ITEM: Discussion of the Review Committee 2015 Report to Congress	RC Subcommittee: Shannon Keller O'Loughlin and Dennis O'Rourke Discussion: Review Committee
3:45	Traditional Closing	TBD
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